High Wheel Mower

Owner/Operator Manual

Manuel du Propriétaire/Utilisateur

Model

911703 – PRO-24 HWSP

Gasoline containing up to 10% ethanol (E10) or up to 10% MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) is acceptable for use in this machine.
The use of any gasoline exceeding 10% ethanol (E10) or 10% MTBE will void the product warranty.
Il est possible d'utiliser de l'essence contenant jusqu'à 10% d'éthanol (E10) ou 10% de MTBE (éther méthyl-tertiobutylique) sur cette machine.
L'utilisation d'une essence contenant plus de 10% d'éthanol (E10) ou de 10% de MTBE annulent la garantie.

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INTRODUCTION

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THE MANUAL

Before using the unit, carefully and completely read your manuals. The contents will give you an understanding of safety instructions and controls during normal operation and maintenance.

All reference to left, right, front, or rear are given from the operator's position, facing the direction of forward travel.

SERVICE AND REPLACEMENT PARTS

When ordering replacement parts or making service inquiries, know the Model and Serial numbers of your unit and engine.

Numbers are located on the product registration form in the unit literature package. They are also printed on a serial number label, located on the frame of your unit. See Figure 1.

Figure 1

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• Record Unit Model and Serial numbers here:

• Record Engine Model & Serial numbers here:

PRODUCT REGISTRATION

The Ariens dealer must register the product at the time of purchase. Registering the product will help the company process warranty claims or contact you with the latest service information. All claims meeting requirements during the limited warranty period will be honored, whether or not the product registration card is returned. Keep a proof of purchase if you do not register your unit.

Customer Note: If the Dealer does not register your product, please fill out, sign and return the product registration card to Ariens or go to www.ariens.com on the internet.

UNAUTHORIZED REPLACEMENT PARTS

Use only Ariens replacement parts. Replacing any part on this vehicle with anything other than an Ariens authorized replacement part may adversely affect the performance, durability, or safety of this unit and may void the warranty. Ariens disclaims liability for any claims or damages, whether warranty, property damage, personal injury or death arising out of the use of unauthorized replacement parts. To locate your nearest Ariens Dealer, go to www.ariens.com on the internet.

DEALER DELIVERY

CAUTION: DO NOT drop machine when loading or unloading or damage to rear axle may occur. Dealer should advise customer of the same.

Dealer should:

1. Check that all assembly and adjustments have been properly completed.
2. Fill out Original Purchaser Registration Card and return the card to Ariens.
3. Explain Ariens Limited Warranty Policy.
4. Explain recommended lubrication and maintenance. Advise customer on adjustments. Remind customer to change oil in 4 cycle engine crankcase after first five (5) hours of operation.
5. Instruct customer on controls and operation of unit. Discuss and emphasize the Safety Rules. Give customer Owner/Operator, Parts, and Engine manuals. Advise customer to thoroughly read and understand them.

DISCLAIMER

Ariens reserves the right to discontinue, make changes to, and add improvements upon its products at any time without public notice or obligation.The descriptions and specifications contained in this manual were in effect at printing. Equipment described within this manual may be optional. Some illustrations may not apply to your unit.

SAFETY

WARNING: This cutting machine is capable of amputating hands and feet and throwing objects. Failure to observe the safety instructions in the manuals and on decals could result in serious injury or death.

Slopes are a major factor related to slip and fall accidents. Operation on all slopes requires extra caution. Maximum slope angle of operation is 20º.

Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them.

Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive, handle with care.

Stop unit and engine and allow moving parts to stop before leaving operator's position.

SAFETY ALERTS

Look for these symbols to point out important safety precautions. They mean:

Attention!

Personal Safety Is Involved!

Become Alert!

Obey The Message!

The safety alert symbols above and signal words below are used on decals and in this manual.

Read and understand all safety messages.

DANGER: IMMINENTLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION! If not avoided, WILL RESULT in death or serious injury.

WARNING: POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION! If not avoided, COULD RESULT in death or serious injury.

CAUTION: POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION! If not avoided, MAY RESULT in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

NOTATIONS

NOTE: General reference information for proper operation and maintenance practices.

IMPORTANT: Specific procedures or information required to prevent damage to unit or attachment.

PRACTICES AND LAWS

Practice usual and customary safe working precautions, for the benefit of yourself and others. Understand and follow all safety messages. Be alert to unsafe conditions and the possibility of minor, moderate, or serious injury or death. Learn applicable rules and laws in your area.

REQUIRED OPERATOR TRAINING

Original purchaser of this unit was instructed by the seller on safe and proper operation. If anyone other than the original purchaser will use the unit, ALWAYS provide this manual and any needed safety training before operation.

SAFETY DECALS AND LOCATIONS

ALWAYS replace missing or damaged safety decals. Refer to for safety decal locations.

Figure 2

1. DANGER!

TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH

OL1801

Read the operator's manual.

Do not allow operation of machine by untrained personnel.

OL4370

Keep children and others away from unit while operating.

OL0910

Never direct discharge toward other people. Thrown objects can cause injury.

Do not operate mower unless guards are in operating position or entire bagger is attached.

OL3030

Keep safety devices (guards, shields, switches, etc.) in place and working.

2. WARNING!

Do not operate mower unless guards are in operating position or bagger is attached.

Do not operate mower unless guards are in operating position

or bagger is attached.

Chock wheels if parking on a slope.

3. DANGER!

KEEP HANDS AND FEET AWAY

SAFETY RULES

If unit is to be used by someone other than original purchaser; loaned, rented or sold, ALWAYS provide this manual and any needed safety training before operation.

Learn applicable rules and laws in your area, including those that may restrict the age of the operator.

Read, understand and follow all safety practices in Owner/Operator Manual before beginning assembly. Failure to follow instructions could result in personal injury and/or damage to unit.

If the operator or the mechanic cannot read the manual, it is the owner's responsibility to explain it to them. Only the user can prevent and is responsible for accidents or injuries occurring to themselves, other people or property.

Do not allow operation of machine by untrained personnel.

ALWAYS remove key (if equipped) and disconnect wire from spark plug before assembly. Unintentional engine start up can cause death or serious injury.

Complete a walk around inspection of unit and work area to understand:

- work area
- your unit
- all safety decals.

Clear work area of stones, sticks, wire and foreign objects which might be picked up and thrown. Tall grass can hide obstacles.

Know the work area. Stay alert for holes, rocks, rough terrain and hidden hazards.

Keep away from drop-offs, ditches, or embankments that could cause operator to lose footing or control of unit.

ALWAYS be aware of traffic when operating along streets or curbs.

Keep work area clear of all persons, children and pets.

Keep children out of the work area and under the watchful care of a responsible adult.

ALWAYS operate unit when there is good visibility and light.

DO NOT mow wet grass.

ALWAYS be sure of your footing. Keep a firm hold on handlebar. Walk, NEVER run.

Engine/blade control feature on mower stops engine and blade within 3 seconds whenever operator releases handlebar control. Check this feature frequently. If feature fails to operate, disconnect spark plug wire and adjust or have it repaired before using unit.

Only trained adults may operate or service unit. Training includes actual operation. The owner is responsible for training users.

NEVER operate after or during the use of medication, drugs or alcohol. Unit requires complete and unimpaired attention.

NEVER allow children to use or service mower.

ALWAYS keep hands and feet away from rotating parts. Rotating parts can cut off body parts.

ALWAYS keep hands away from pinch points.

Fumes from engine exhaust can cause death or serious injury. DO NOT run engine in an enclosed area.

ALWAYS protect eyes, face, and body with adequate safety gear and protective clothes. Wear sturdy footwear, gloves, a hard hat and safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields while operating mower.

Wear appropriate hearing protection.

NEVER operate mower barefoot or when wearing open sandals or canvas shoes.

NEVER wear loose clothes, long hair or jewelry that may get caught in rotating parts.

ALWAYS stand clear of discharge when operating unit.

NEVER direct discharge toward bystanders.

Operator is responsible for bystander safety.

DO NOT touch hot parts. Allow parts to cool.

Keep safety devices or guards in place and functioning properly. NEVER modify or remove safety devices.

Read, understand, and follow all instructions in the manual and on the machine before starting. Understand:

- How to operate all controls
- The functions of all controls
- How to STOP in an emergency.

DO NOT attempt to start your engine until you know what the controls do and how they work.

DO NOT tilt mower when starting it.

Keep feet away when starting engine.

DO NOT start the engine or operate mower without side discharge cover or side discharge deflector installed.

Never leave a running unit unattended.

Take all possible precautions when leaving unit unattended.

ALWAYS shut off engine, remove key (electric start models) and disconnect spark plug wire to prevent accidental starting or unauthorized use.

Stop engine if anyone enters the work area.

NEVER attempt to make any adjustments to unit while engine is running (except where specifically recommended). Stop engine, remove key (electric start models) and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing.

DO NOT make cutting height wheel adjustments while the engine is running.

If you strike an object, or if equipment vibrates abnormally, stop engine at once, wait for moving parts to stop and disconnect wire from spark plug. Repair any damage before restarting unit.

ALWAYS install side discharge cover when mulching.

ALWAYS install discharge deflector when side discharging.

ALWAYS shut off engine, allow blade to stop and disconnect spark plug wire before clearing clogs or cleaning unit.

Check for wear, damage, and/or deterioration. Replace only with Ariens original equipment replacement parts for safety.

To reduce fire hazard and overheating, keep equipment free of grass, leaves, debris or excessive lubricants.

Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects which may obscure vision.

DO NOT mow at too fast a rate. DO NOT change engine governor setting or over-speed the engine.

Do not operate mower on gravel or loose material such as sand. Stop mower when crossing drives, walks, or roads to prevent damage or injury from thrown objects.

DO NOT pull mower backwards unless absolutely necessary. Look down and back, especially for small children, before and while moving backwards.

On self-propelled models, releasing wheel drive control must stop mower's forward movement. If this feature fails to operate, disconnect spark plug wire and repair before using unit.

On self-propelled models, wheel drive must be disengaged when starting engine.

DO NOT operate on steep slopes.

NEVER leave unit unattended on a slope. Chock wheels if parking on a slope.

Mow across the face of slopes, never up and down. Be especially cautious when changing direction on slopes. Maximum slope angle of operation is 20º.

This product is equipped with an internal combustion engine. DO NOT use on or near any unimproved, forest or brush covered land unless the exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrestor meeting applicable local, state or federal laws. A spark arrestor, if used, must be maintained in effective working order by the operator. See your Ariens Dealer or engine manufacturer's service center.

Accidental engine start up can cause death or serious injury. Except where specifically recommended, ALWAYS stop engine, remove key (electric start models), wait for moving parts to stop, allow parts to cool and disconnect spark plug wire before inspecting, servicing, adjusting or repairing unit.

Avoid Electric Shock. DO NOT disconnect wire from spark plug while engine is running.

Keep equipment in good condition.

Maintain or replace safety and instruction labels, as necessary.

Follow engine manufacturer's safety instruction when servicing engine.

Check all hardware at regular intervals, especially blade attachment bolts. Keep all hardware properly tightened.

An extension spring, when extended, stores energy and can be dangerous. Always use tools specifically designed for installing or removing an extension spring. Always compress or extend springs slowly.

Before tipping unit, remove fuel and battery (if equipped).

Use extra care when loading or unloading unit onto trailer or truck.

CAUTION: DO NOT drop machine when loading or unloading or damage to rear axle may occur.

Ensure all wheel blocks, jack stands and tie downs will support unit during maintenance.

Replace worn-out mufflers immediately. Continued use could result in fire or explosion.

Sharp edges can cut or amputate fingers or a hand. Wrap blade or wear sturdy gloves to service.

Only replace blades. NEVER straighten or weld blades.

Use only replacement parts designed for your unit. See your Ariens Dealer.

Allow engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.

ALWAYS clean unit before extended storage. See engine manual for proper storage.

DO NOT store unit inside a building with fuel in the fuel tank where any ignition sources are present.

Use only accessories which have been approved by Ariens and are properly installed.

Use only accessories or attachments that are designed for your unit and that can be used safely on your terrain.

Check attachments frequently and replace worn or damaged components with manufacturer's recommended parts.

Fuel and Fuel System

Fuel is highly flammable and its vapors are explosive. Handle with care. Use only an approved gasoline container with an appropriately sized dispensing spout.

- NO Smoking!
- NO Sparks!
- NO Flames!
- Allow engine to cool before filling fuel tank.

Gasoline with up to 10% ethanol (gasohol) or up to 10% MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) is acceptable. Use of any gasoline other than those approved above will void the engine warranty.

DO NOT OVERFILL. Fill fuel tank to below bottom of filler neck to allow for fuel expansion.

IMPORTANT: Refer to Engine Manual for proper fuel type and tank capacity.

Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.

When practical, remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment on a trailer with a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.

Keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete. Do not use a nozzle lock-open device.

Check fuel supply before starting engine.

DO NOT fill gasoline tank indoors, when engine is running, or while engine is hot.

Allow engine to cool several minutes before removing fuel cap.

Replace gasoline tank cap securely and clean any spilled fuel before starting engine.

If fuel is spilled on clothing, change clothing immediately.

NEVER store fuel inside where there is an open flame, such as a water heater.

ALWAYS drain fuel outdoors away from ignition sources.

ALWAYS shut off engine, and remove key, and close fuel shutoff valve when transporting unit on a truck or trailer.

Emission Control System

This equipment and/or its engine may include exhaust and evaporative emissions control system components required to meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulations. Tampering with emission controls and components by unauthorized personnel may result in severe fines or penalties. Emission controls and components can only be adjusted by an Ariens Company dealer or an authorized engine manufacturer's service center. Contact your Ariens Company Equipment Retailer concerning emission controls and component questions.

ASSEMBLY

CAUTION: AVOID INJURY. Read and understand the entire *Safety* section before proceeding.

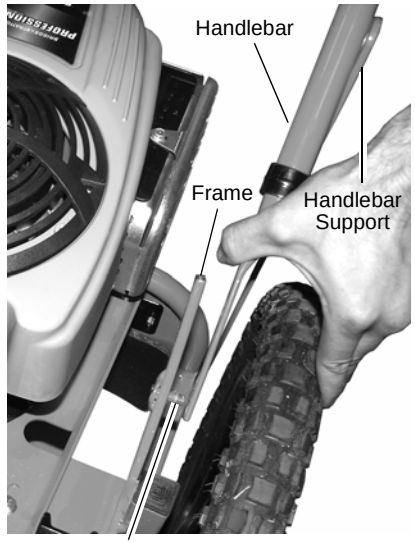
NOTE: The mounting hardware described in the following assembly procedures is factory-mounted on the mower in the proper locations.

Handlebar Installation

1. Remove mower, handlebar and discharge chute from carton. See Figure 3.

Figure 3

2. Pull both handlebar supports back to vertical position.
3. Remove handlebar mounting hardware from mower frame.
4. Place the lower hole of one end of the handlebar on frame stud. Spread lower ends of handlebar until the opposite end can be installed on frame stud. See Figure 4.
5. Install flanged lock nuts on studs. Do not tighten fully.
6. Install round head square neck bolts through upper holes in frame and handlebar and secure loosely with flanged lock nuts. See Figure 5.
7. Slide each support clamp on handlebar to align with vertical support and connect with hex cap screw and flanged lock nut. See Figure 5.
8. Tighten all mounting hardware installed in steps 5 through 7.
9. Tighten hardware securing lower end of each handlebar support to frame.



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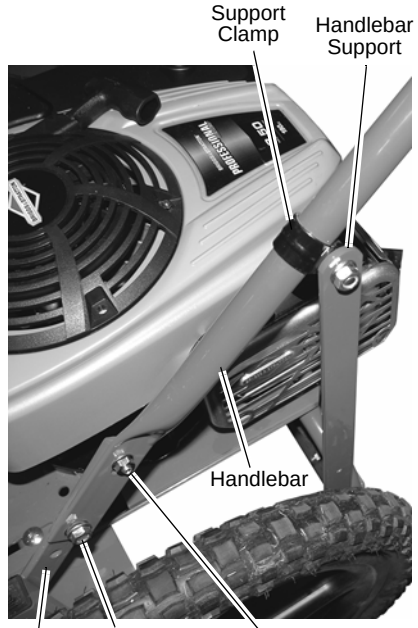


Figure 5

Wheel Drive Actuation Link Installation

See Figure 6.

10. Apply pressure against the wheel drive (self-propel) mechanism to hold it down against rear wheels. This will provide the required clearance to install the wheel drive actuation link on the bellcrank stud.
11. Install a flat washer, the actuation link and a second flat washer on bellcrank stud.
12. Install hairpin through bellcrank stud to secure actuation link.

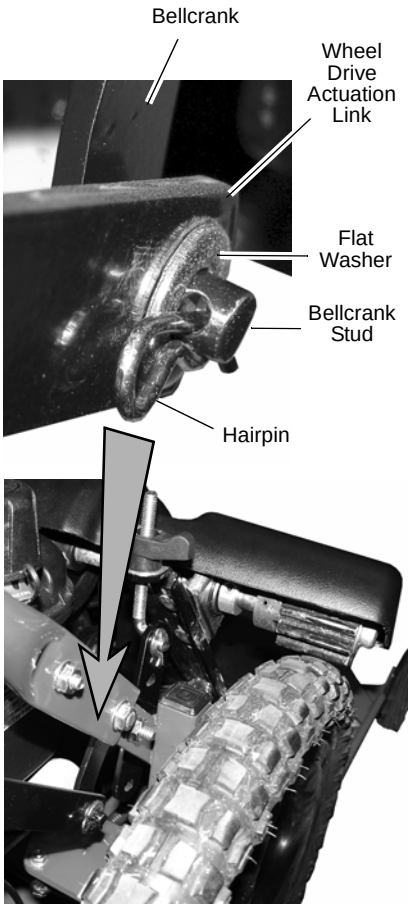


Figure 6

Operator Presence Control (OPC) Cable Installation

See Figure 7.

NOTE: The OPC lever (Figure 15, Item 1) is mounted on the left-hand end of the handlebar. The OPC cable is routed down the right side of the handlebar to the front of the engine.

1. Connect OPC cable end to front of engine. The Z-bend end of the cable is installed into the engine flywheel brake actuation arm through the bottom side.
2. Slide cable wire through slot in cable mounting bracket.
3. Press cable clip into bracket hole from backside until tabs lock clip in place.

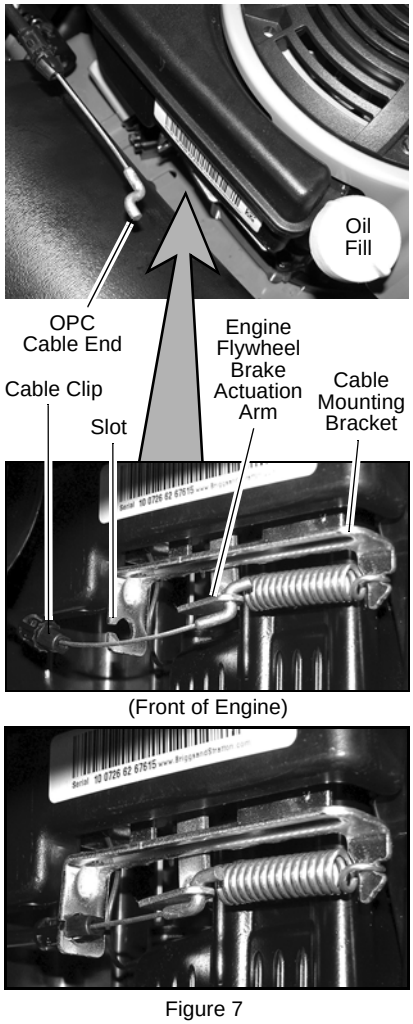


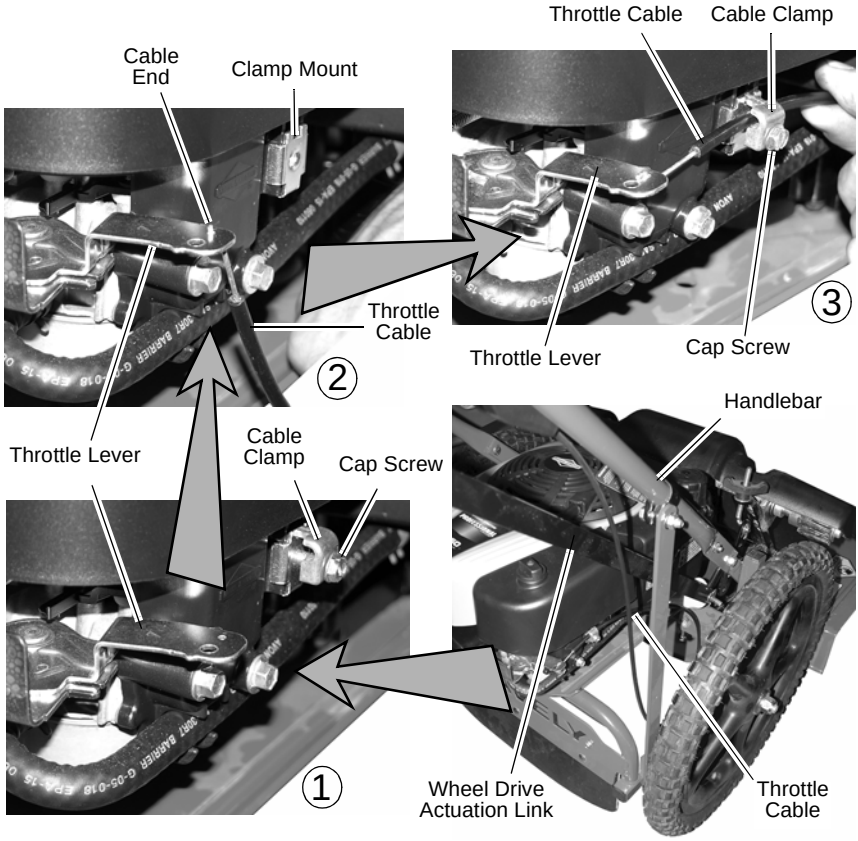
Figure 7

Throttle Cable Installation

See Figure 8.

NOTE: The throttle control (Figure 15, Item 4) is mounted on the right-hand side of the handlebar.

1. Remove slotted hex cap screw and cable clamp from right side of engine.
2. Route throttle cable down between handlebar and wheel drive actuation link.
3. Loop end of cable up and back to engine throttle lever.
4. Install Z-bend end of cable up through smaller hole in throttle lever.
5. Tilt cable upward until horizontal and position over clamp mount.
6. Install clamp over cable and attach to mount with slotted hex cap screw. Do not tighten cap screw.
7. Position throttle control (on handlebar) all the way forward (down) to the FAST position.
8. Push engine throttle lever fully forward until against its stop. The throttle lever may also be positioned against its stop by pulling the throttle cable froward.
9. Tighten the slotted hex cap screw to secure the clamp on the cable, securing the cable in place.
10. Install two cable ties to secure the OPC and throttle cables. See Figure 9.
    - The upper tie secures both cables to the right side of the handlebar just below the support clamp.
    - The lower tie is fed through the hole in the right side handlebar support to secure the throttle cable.
    - Once secured, clip off excess ends of cable ties.



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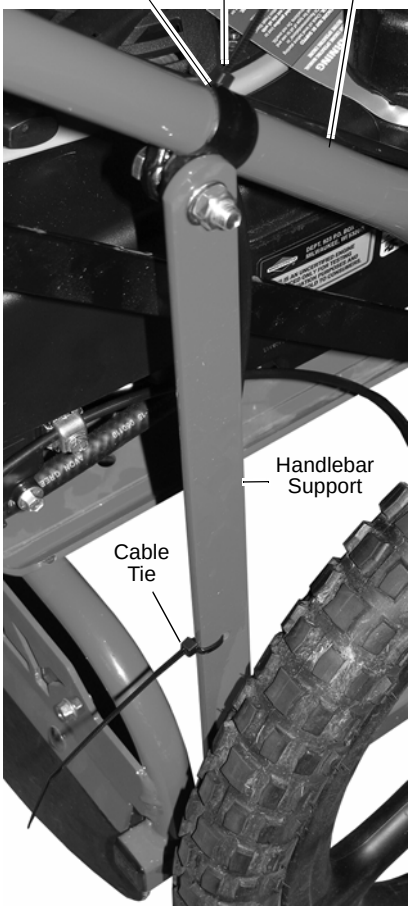


Figure 9

Recoil Rope Set-Up

Loosen lock nut on inner side of handlebar bracket until rope guide mounting cap screw is loose enough to allow lower half of guide to be rotated away from upper half, opening rope guide. See Figure 10.

1. Hold OPC lever fully depressed while slowly pulling recoil rope out past handlebar. Release OPC lever while holding recoil rope extended. See Figure 11.

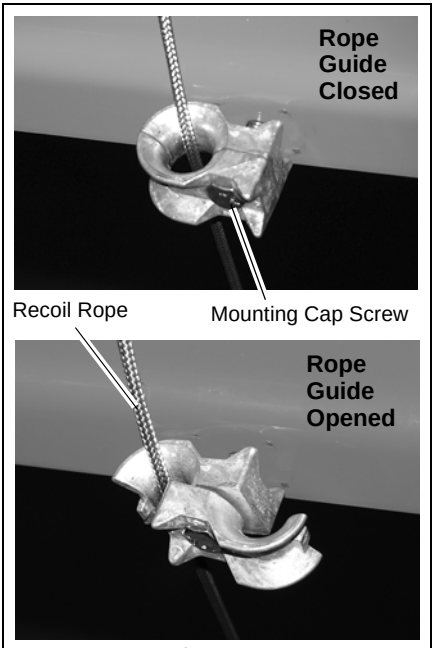


Figure 10

2. Position recoil rope in upper half of guide and then rotate lower half back to close guide, capturing rope. See Figure 10.

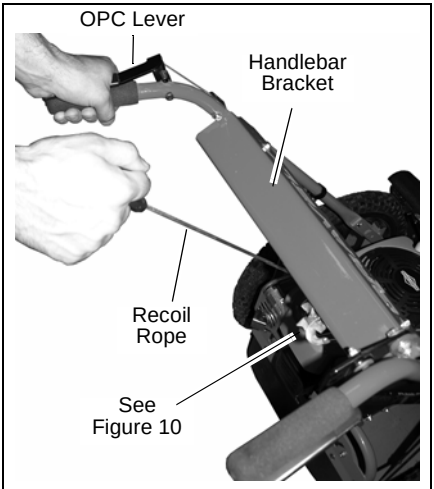


Figure 11

NOTE: Ensure mounting cap screw is properly seated in lower half of rope guide.

3. Tighten lock nut on inner side of handlebar bracket to secure rope guide halves together.

Discharge Chute Installation

1. Place mower in the Service Position. See *SERVICE POSITION* on page 20.
2. Remove flanged lock nut and round head square neck bolt from front of discharge chute. See Figure 12.

NOTE: DO NOT remove flanged lock nut and round head square neck bolt securing together rear of discharge chute and support plate.

3. Remove three flanged nyloc nuts from round head square neck bolts at center of discharge chute.

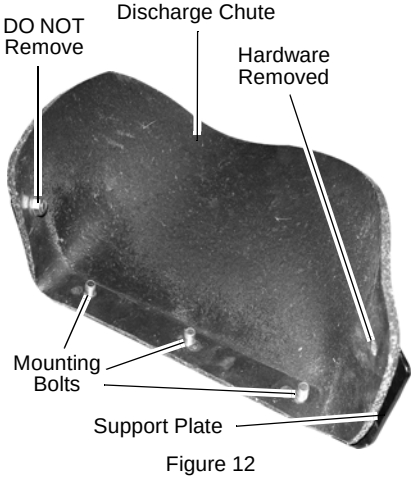


Figure 12

4. Position chute and support plate over discharge opening in mower deck. See Figure 13.
5. Install three flanged lock nuts on round head square neck bolts at center of discharge chute. Do not tighten.

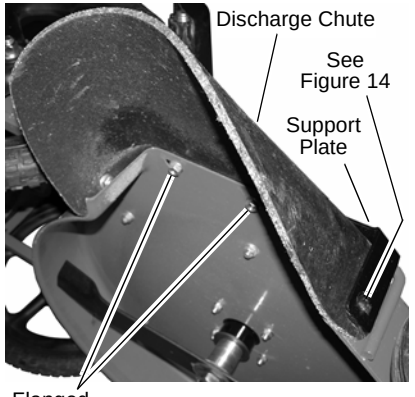


Figure 13

6. Align front of chute and support plate with hole in deck and install round head square neck bolt and flanged lock nut. See Figure 14.
7. Tighten chute mounting hardware installed in steps 5 and 6.

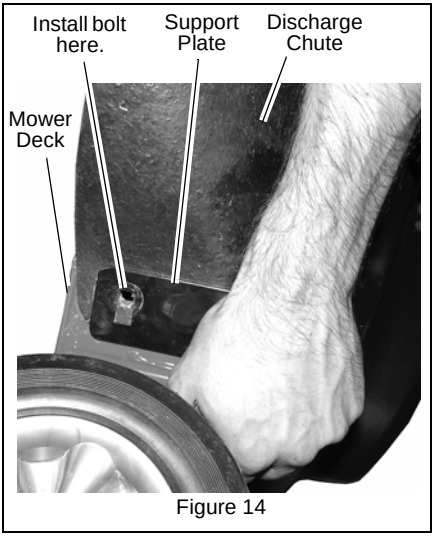


Figure 14

Wheel Drive Adjustment

1. Adjust fine adjustment knobs (Figure 26) as necessary to achieve 1/8" – 1/4" (3mm – 6mm) drive roller gap at wheels. See Figure 27.

Engine Preparation

1. Check engine oil level and add if necessary. See engine manual.
2. Fill fuel tank.
3. Connect spark plug wire.
4. Check the Operator Presence Control (OPC) feature. Try starting the engine *without* the OPC lever (Figure 15, Item 1) held against the handlebar. Engine must not start. If engine starts, stop engine and bring the unit to your dealer for adjustment or repair.

CONTROLS AND FEATURES

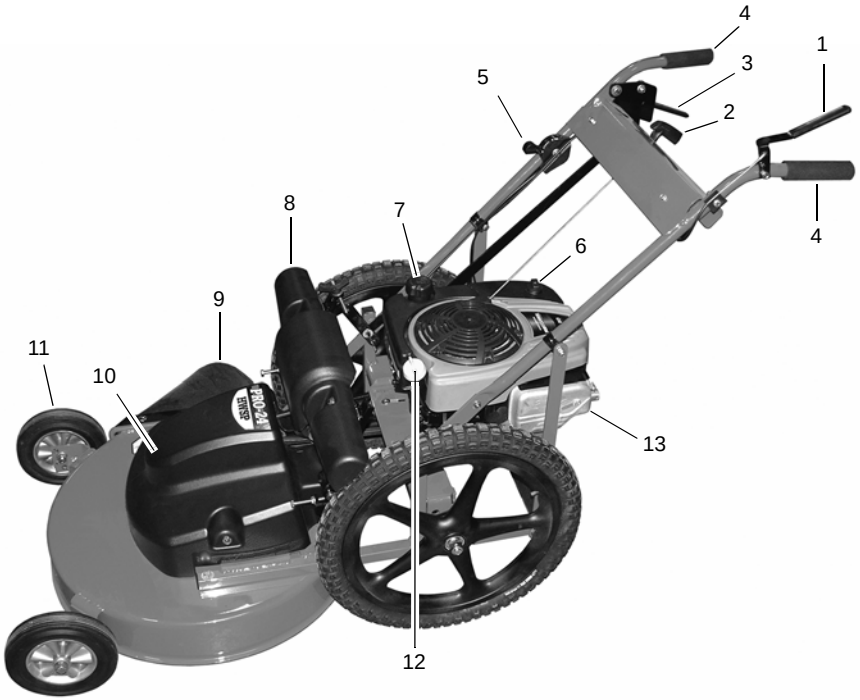


Figure 15

1. Operator Presence (Engine/Blade) Control
2. Recoil Starter Handle
3. Wheel Drive Control Handlebars
4. Engine Throttle Control
5. Air Filter
6. Fuel Tank and Cap
7. Upper (Wheel Drive) Guard
8. Discharge Chute
9. Lower Guard
10. Fixed Front Wheels (Standard)
11. Oil Fill/Dipstick
12. Muffler

OPERATION

WARNING: Improper operation can lead to injury. Learn what the controls do and how they work. Thoroughly read and understand entire Operator Manual.

CAUTION: DO NOT operate mower unless side discharge deflector is installed. Thrown objects may cause damage or injury.

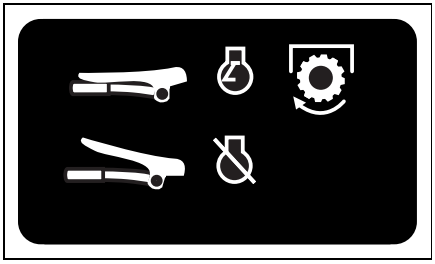
CAUTION: If clog or obstruction prevents grass flow, release engine/blade control and disconnect spark plug wire before attempting to clear away any clogs.

CONTROLS AND FEATURES

See Figure 16 for locations.

Operator Presence Control

CAUTION: Check function of Engine/Blade Control regularly. Improper function of control could cause injury.



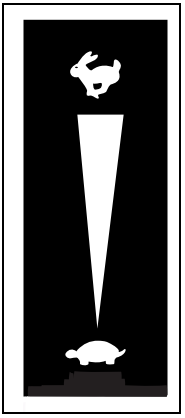
The Operator Presence Control (OPC) lever must be held against the handlebar to start the engine and blade.

Releasing the OPC lever grounds engine spark and applies engine flywheel brake, stopping the engine and blade within 3 seconds. Check this feature frequently. If feature fails to operate, disconnect spark plug wire and adjust or have it repaired before using unit.

Recoil Starter Handle

When pulled, recoil starter handle will turn engine over.

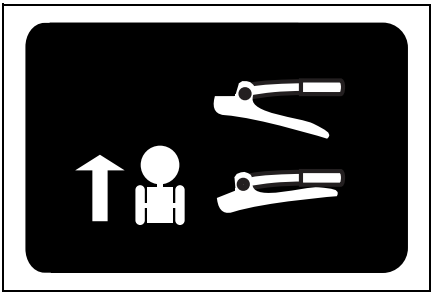
Engine Throttle



Push throttle forward to increase engine speed. Pull throttle backward to decrease engine speed.

Wheel Drive Control

The lower, right-side lever must be manually held against the handlebar to engage wheel drive. Wheel drive will disengage when this lever is released. This lever allows for quick engagement and disengagement of wheel drive when maneuvering in tight areas or around obstacles.



NOTE: Engine must be running for wheel drive to propel unit.

Wheel drive speed is preset and cannot be varied during mower operation. The drive speed may be changed by adjusting the variable speed (VS) pulley configuration. See *Wheel Drive Speed Adjustment* on page 24.

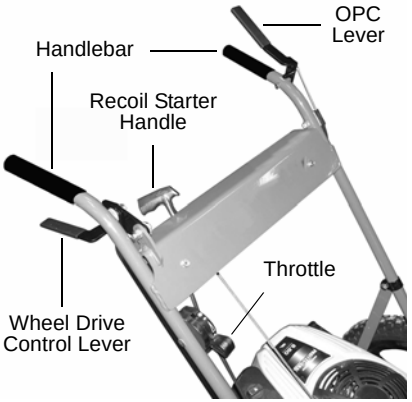


Figure 16

FILLING THE FUEL TANK

To add fuel to fuel tank:

1. Put unit in open or well-ventilated area.
2. Stop engine and allow to cool.
3. Clean fuel cap and surrounding area.
4. Remove cap.

IMPORTANT: See engine manual for correct type and grade of fuel.

5. DO NOT OVERFILL. Fill fuel tank to below bottom of filler neck to allow for fuel expansion. See *SPECIFICATIONS* on page 36.
6. Replace fuel cap and tighten.
7. ALWAYS clean any spilled fuel.

STARTING AND SHUT OFF

WARNING: Improper operation can lead to injury. Learn what the controls do and how they work. Thoroughly read and understand entire Operator Manual.

See Figure 15 for all Controls and Features.

NOTE: Start engine on a level surface that is free of debris. It is recommended that the engine is started over a non-grassy area, or over grass that has been cut short.

Starting

1. Check each item in the Before Each Use section of the *MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE* on page 19.
2. Ensure the wheel drive controls, if so equipped, are disengaged.

NOTE: The engine is equipped with the ReadyStart® System that features a temperature-controlled automatic choke. It does not have a manual choke or a primer.

3. Place throttle control in the high-speed position (all the way forward).
4. With operator presence control lever held against the handlebar, grasp starter handle and pull rope slowly until it pulls harder. This is the compression stroke.
5. Pull rope with rapid continuous full arm stroke to start engine. Allow rope to rewind slowly.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT let starter handle snap against bracket.

6. Repeat step 4 and step 5 until engine starts. (If engine does not start, see *TROUBLESHOOTING* on page 34.)

Shut Off

1. Release wheel drive control, if so equipped. Allow unit to stop completely.
2. Release operator presence control.

Mowing Tips

Cut grass when it is dry.

Keep mower blades sharp.

Do not set cutting height too low. For tall grass, mow twice.

Do not mow too fast.

Mow with engine at full throttle. Discharge clippings into areas already cut.

Vary cutting pattern with each mowing.

NOTE: To prevent dirt and grass from collecting on inside of mower deck, avoid operating over bare ground with only patches of grass.

EMERGENCY STOPPING

To stop the mower in an emergency:

1. Release the engine/blade (OPC) control.
2. Release the wheel drive control .
3. Allow all moving parts to stop before leaving operator's position.

HEIGHT OF CUT ADJUSTMENT

Height of Cut (HOC) is adjusted by positioning the front and rear wheels in a series of mounting holes. See Figures 18 and 19.

DANGER: Avoid injury from rotating blade.
ALWAYS shut off engine, wait for moving parts to stop and allow engine to cool before adjusting height of cut.

CAUTION: Both rear wheels must be set at same height or traction drive will not work properly.

Cutting Height Settings Chart	
Wheel Axle Hole (Front & Rear)	Height of Cut
4 (Top)	2" (51mm)
3	2.7" (69mm)
2	3.3" (84mm)
1 (Bottom)	4" (102mm)

Rear Wheel Height Adjustment

Rear wheel height is changed by raising or lowering axles in the four available mounting holes in frame. Place axles in upper holes for a lower cut and lower holes for a higher cut.

Height-of-cut holes are spaced approximately 0.665" (17mm) apart. The mower is set-up at the factory in the second from the lowest position, for a 2.7" (69mm) cut height.

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop and hot parts to cool.
2. Place unit on a flat, level surface.
3. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug.
4. Raise back of mower to lift rear wheels off the ground. Support rear of mower deck with jackstands, blocking or other similar, stable support.
5. Hold rear axle bolt stationary with a wrench while removing outer lock nut. See Figures 17 and 18.

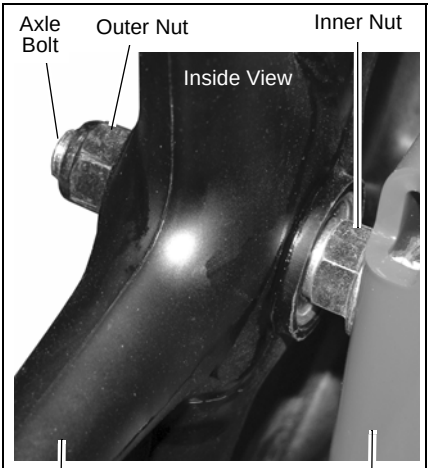


Figure 17

6. Remove wheel/tire assembly from axle bolt.
7. Hold rear axle bolt stationary with a wrench while removing inner nut. See Figure 18.
8. Move each rear wheel axle bolt to desired height-of-cut hole.
9. Install inner nut on axle bolt so flange of nut is against mower frame. Hold rear axle bolt stationary with a wrench while tightening inner nut securely against frame.
10. Install wheel/tire assembly on axle bolt.
11. Install outer lock nut on axle bolt so flange of nut is against wheel. Hold rear axle bolt stationary with a wrench while tightening outer lock nut.
12. Connect spark plug wire to spark plug.

NOTE: Traction adjustment may be necessary to correspond to rear wheel height settings.

13. Adjust wheel drive traction as necessary. Refer to the *Wheel Drive Traction Adjustment* on page 25.

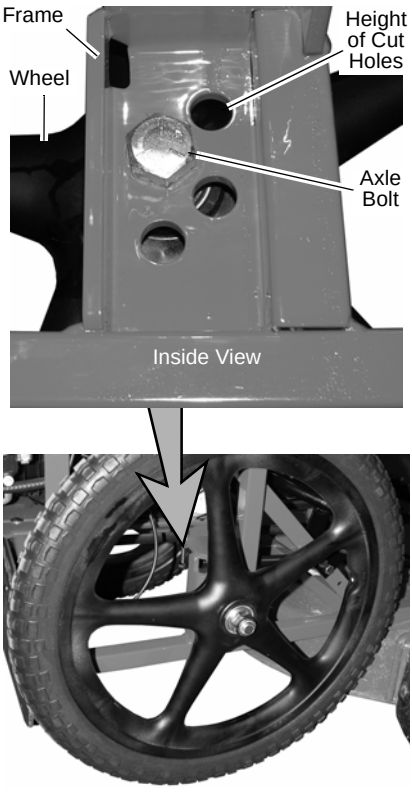


Figure 18

Front Wheel Height Adjustment

See Figure 19

IMPORTANT: Front wheel height must be set the same as rear wheel height for proper height of cut.

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop and hot parts to cool.
2. Place unit on a flat, level surface.
3. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug.
4. Raise front of mower to lift front wheels off the ground. Support front of mower deck with jackstands, blocking or other similar, stable support.

The height of the standard, fixed front wheels is changed by raising or lowering wheels in the four available mounting holes in each wheel support. Place wheels in upper holes for a lower cut and lower holes for higher cut.

NOTE: Height-of-cut holes are spaced approximately 0.665" (17mm) apart. The mower is set-up at the factory in the second from the lowest position, for a 2.7" (69mm) cut height.

5. Hold axle bolt stationary with wrench while removing inner nut.
6. Move each front wheel and axle bolt to desired height-of-cut hole.
7. Hold axle bolt stationary with wrench while tightening inner nut against support.
8. Connect spark plug wire to spark plug.

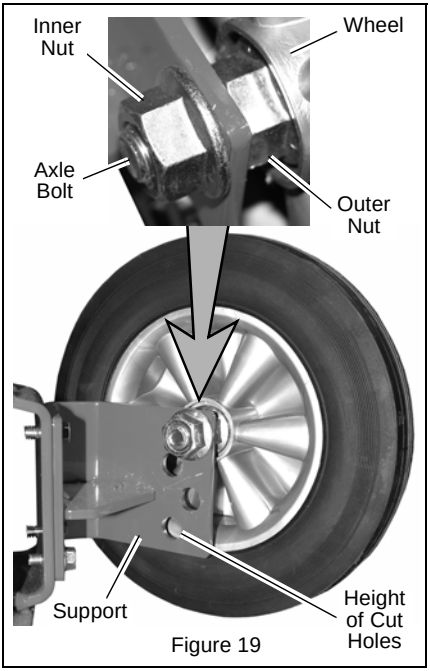


Figure 19

MAINTENANCE

CAUTION: AVOID INJURY. Read and understand the entire *Safety* section before proceeding.

Ariens Dealers will provide any service, parts or adjustments which may be required to keep your unit operating at peak efficiency. Should engine require service, contact an Ariens Dealer or an authorized engine manufacturer's service center.

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

NOTE: Some working conditions (heavy loads, high ambient temperatures, dusty conditions, or airborne debris) may require more frequent service.

See engine manual for further maintenance and troubleshooting information.

WARNING: HOT SURFACES can cause death or serious injury. DO NOT TOUCH parts which are hot from operation. ALWAYS allow parts to cool.

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE				
Service Performed	Before Each Use	25 Hours ⧗	50 Hours ⧗	100 Hours ⧗ or Annually
Check Engine/Blade Control	•			
Check Wheel Drive Control	•			
Clean Unit	•			
Check Engine Oil	•			
Check Mower Blade	•			
Check Fasteners	•			
Check Wheel Drive Belts (2)		•		
Check Blade Drive Belt		•		
General Lubrication		•		
Clean Air Filter			•	
Change Engine Oil & Filter			✱ •	•
Check Muffler			•	
Replace Spark Plug				•
✱ After first 5 Hours of operation				

CHECK OPERATOR PRESENCE (ENGINE/BLADE) CONTROL

The engine and blade must stop within 3 seconds after releasing the operator presence control. If the engine and blade continue to run, adjust or repair control immediately.

CHECK WHEEL DRIVE CONTROL

The unit must stop quickly and completely when the control is released. Adjust or repair if necessary. See *WHEEL DRIVE CONTROL ADJUSTMENT* on page 32.

CLEAN UNIT

Before each use clean unit, use a brush to clean recoil guard, all control linkage and muffler guard of debris. See engine manual for instructions. Clean oil, grease or fuel spills to prevent fires.

CHECK ENGINE OIL

IMPORTANT: Maintain proper oil level at all times or engine damage will result.

Check the level of the engine crankcase oil before each use.

Make sure engine is level when checking oil. See engine manual for instructions.

SERVICE POSITION

Put unit into service position for easy access to underneath the deck.

CAUTION: Avoid fuel spills. Follow steps below to help prevent fuel spills. If fuel leaks into air cleaner, replace air cleaner. ALWAYS clean up any spilled fuel.

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop and hot parts to cool.
2. Place unit on a flat, level surface.
3. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug.
4. Remove fuel cap, place a piece of plastic bag over the opening and tighten cap securely.
5. Tip unit onto left side, opposite the discharge opening.

   Make sure unit is secure and will not tip over.

IMPORTANT: After service is complete and unit is upright, remove plastic from fuel cap and connect spark plug wire to spark plug.

CHECK MOWER BLADE

Check blade mounting: blade must be secure and bolt torqued to 187 – 253 lb-ft (254 – 343 N•m). Bolt should fully compress lock washer.

Check blade for nicks and dull cutting edges. Sharpen if necessary.

Check blade for rounded or broken ends, thinned metal or other damage. Replace if necessary.

CAUTION: Mower blades are sharp and can cut you. Wrap the blades or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them.

Remove Mower Blade

1. Place mower in the Service Position. See *SERVICE POSITION* on page 20.
2. Block blade to prevent rotation.
3. Remove lock nut, flat washer and blade from shaft.

Install Mower Blade

NOTE: Ensure blade air lift points upward. See Figure 20.

1. Replace blade, flat washer and lock nut on shaft.
2. Torque lock nut to 187 – 253 lb-ft (254 – 343 N•m).
3. Connect spark plug wire to spark plug.

Sharpening Mower Blades

CAUTION: DO NOT sharpen mower blades while on unit. An imbalanced mower blade will cause excessive vibration and eventual damage to unit. Check mower blade balance before reinstalling blades.

NEVER weld or straighten bent blades.

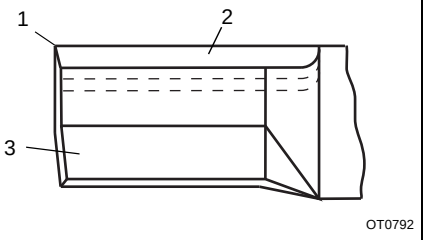
CAUTION: Mower blades are sharp and can cut you. Wrap the blades or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them.

1. Remove mower blade from unit. See *Remove Mower Blade* on page 20.

Discard mower blade if:

- More than 1/2 in. (1.27 cm) of metal is removed. See Figure 20.
- Air lifts become eroded.
- Blade is bent or broken.

2. Sharpen mower blade by removing an equal amount of material from each end of mower blade. Blade should be sharpened back at an angle from the center to the outside tip. DO NOT change vertical angle of cutting edge or round corner of mower blade. See Figure 20.



1. Square Corner
2. Cutting Edge
3. Air Lift
4. Air Lift Erosion

Figure 20

3. Check mower blade balance. Slide mower blade on an unthreaded bolt. A balanced blade should remain in a horizontal position. If either end of mower blade moves downward, sharpen the heavy end until blade is balanced. See Figure 21.

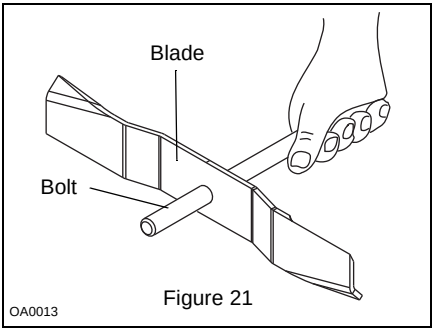


Figure 21

4. Install mower blade on unit. See *Install Mower Blade* on page 20.
5. Tighten mounting bolt to a torque of 187 – 253 lb-ft (254 – 343 N•m).

CHECK FASTENERS

Check all fasteners for proper tightness. Pay special attention to blade hardware and all guards, shields and safety devices.

CHECK DRIVE BELTS

Check tension of mower blade and wheel drive belts. See *BELT TENSION ADJUSTMENT* on page 27. Check drive belts for wear and/or damage and replace as necessary. See *BELT REPLACEMENT* on page 30.

GENERAL LUBRICATION

Lubricate wheel drive shaft through grease fitting every to 16 hours of operation. Lightly oil all other moving parts every 25 hours of operation. Wipe off excess oil to avoid accumulation of dirt and debris.

CLEAN AIR FILTER

Clean air filter every 50 hours of operation. See engine manual for specific information. See Figure 22 for air filter location.

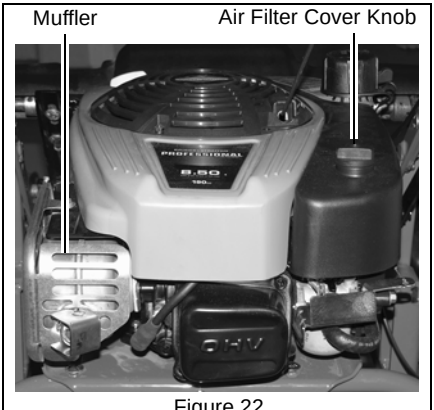


Figure 22

CHANGE ENGINE OIL

Change engine crankcase oil after first five (5) hours of operation. Then change oil after every 50 hours of operation or annually.

IMPORTANT: Proper oil level must be maintained at all times or engine damage will result. DO NOT overfill. Be sure engine is level when adding oil.

NOTE: Refer to Engine Manual for instructions and proper oil type.

REPLACE OIL FILTER

Replace oil filter every 50 hours of use or annually.

1. Clean dirt and debris from oil filter and surrounding area.
2. Place mower in the Service Position. See *SERVICE POSITION* on page 20.
3. Place a suitable container below engine oil fill tube and remove cap to allow oil to drain from tube.
4. Turn oil filter counterclockwise to remove. See Figure 23.
5. Apply a thin coat of oil onto seal of new filter.
6. Install new filter and hand tighten securely.
7. Tip mower back down onto its wheels.
8. Add engine oil. Refer to Engine Manual for instructions and proper oil type.
9. Install oil fill cap.
10. Remove plastic from fuel cap and connect spark plug wire to spark plug.

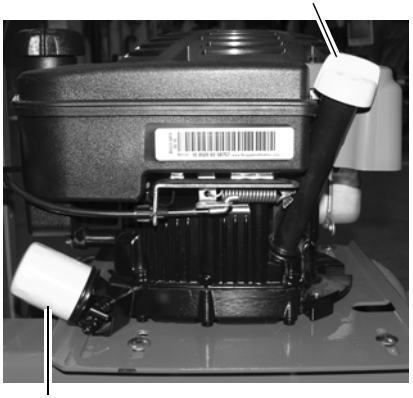


Figure 23

CHECK MUFFLER

Check muffler for debris, cracks, wear, or other damage every 50 hours of operation.

CAUTION: Replace worn-out mufflers immediately. Continued use could result in fire or explosion.

REPLACE SPARK PLUG

Spark plug should be replaced every 100 hours of operation or annually. See engine manual for specific information.

NOTE: Loose spark plug wire terminals can cause sparking. Replace terminal if damaged.

CAUTION: AVOID INJURY. Read and understand the entire *Safety* section before proceeding.

WHEEL DRIVE ADJUSTMENTS

Drive Belt Guard

DANGER: Avoid injury from rotating blade.
ALWAYS shut off engine, wait for moving parts to stop and allow engine to cool before removing guards.

All mowers are equipped with the lower guard that covers the blade spindle and drive belt. The self-propelled model includes an upper guard that covers the wheel drive components. Both guards attach in the same manner using similar hardware.

To remove a guard:

1. Shut off unit.
2. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug.
3. Unscrew two hex bolts from mounting brackets and remove guard.

Each mounting bolt includes a captive flat washer and nyloc nut. The captive nut prevents the bolt from separating from the guard. The mounting bolt secures to a weldnut on the back of each mounting bracket.

To install a guard:

1. Position guard on mower and slide bolts with captive nyloc nuts into mounting brackets.
2. Thread each mounting bolt into mounting bracket and tighten securely.
3. Connect spark plug wire to spark plug.

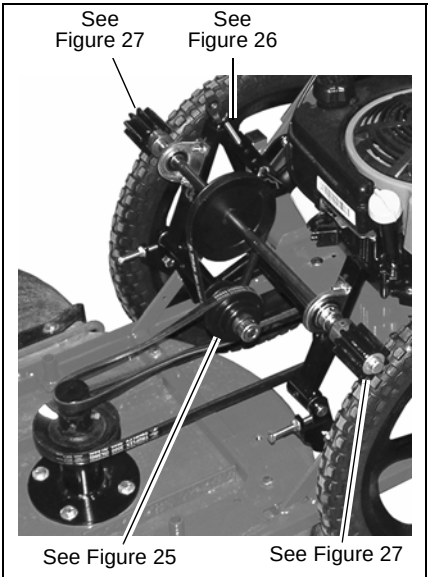


Figure 24

Wheel Drive Speed Adjustment

The wheel drive lower belt connects the mower blade shaft to a variable speed (VS) pulley. Wheel drive speed is determined by how deep the wheel drive lower belt rides in the VS pulley. The higher the belt rides in the VS pulley groove, the slower the wheel drive speed. The lower the belt rides in the VS pulley groove, the faster the wheel drive speed. See Figures 24 and 25.

1. Remove both the upper and lower guards. See *WHEEL DRIVE ADJUSTMENTS Drive Belt Guard* on page 23.
2. Loosen the wheel drive lower belt tension. See *Adjust Wheel Drive Lower Belt Tension* on page 27.
3. Loosen set screw in VS pulley.
4. To change wheel drive speed:
   - Rotate the pulley outer half clockwise, moving it inward. This causes the belt to ride higher in pulley, decreasing wheel drive speed.
   - Rotate the pulley outer half counterclockwise, moving it outward. This causes the belt to ride lower in pulley, increasing wheel drive speed.
5. Tighten the VS pulley set screw onto one of the flats of the shaft to secure it in position.
6. Tighten the wheel drive lower belt tension. See *Adjust Wheel Drive Lower Belt Tension* on page 27.
7. Install both the upper and lower guards. See *WHEEL DRIVE ADJUSTMENTS Drive Belt Guard* on page 23.

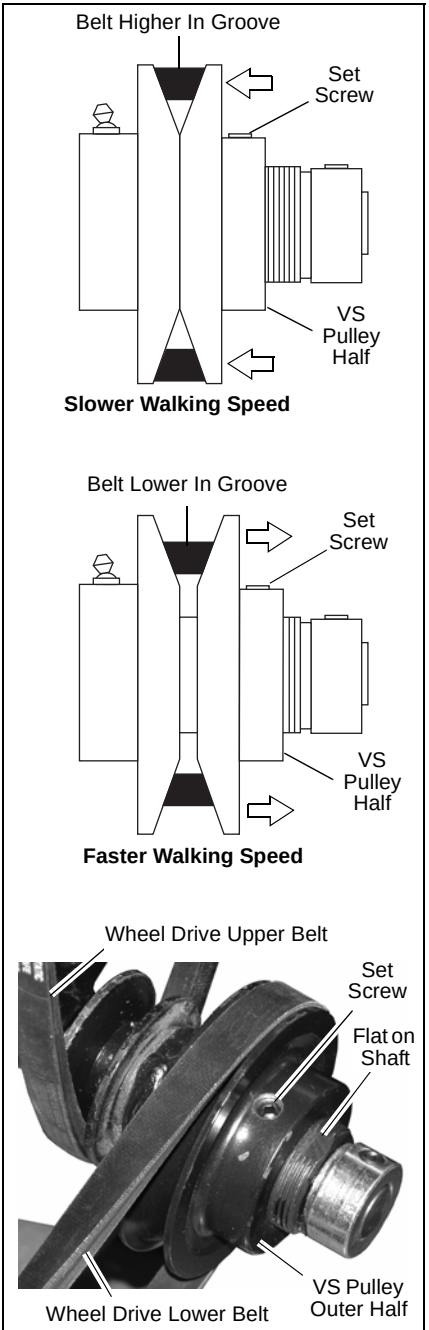


Figure 25

Wheel Drive Traction Adjustment

The gap (clearance) between the drive rollers and tires, when wheel drive is disengaged, is used to set the amount of contact force (traction) when wheel drive is engaged. Drive roller to wheel gap should be 1/8" – 1/4" (3mm – 6mm).

NOTE: A smaller gap between rollers and tires when wheel drive is disengaged provides for more engaged traction, which is helpful on sloped terrain.

On each side of the mower, the lower end of the wheel drive frame pivots from an adjustment plate (See Figure 28). The upper right side of the frame is connected by a link to the end of the engage plate. The opposite end of the engage plate pivots from the bell crank post. See Figure 26.

NOTE: A series of holes in the engage plate allow traction adjustments to correspond to rear wheel height (cutting height) settings.

1. Remove both the upper and lower guards. See *WHEEL DRIVE ADJUSTMENTS Drive Belt Guard* on page 23.
2. Turn fine adjustment knob counterclockwise to bring it to the top end of adjustment link. Do not remove knob.
3. Remove hairpin and washer from bell crank post.
4. Remove engage plate from bell crank post where engage plate is mounted.
5. Push the wheel drive frame back until drive roller gap at wheels is 1/8" – 1/4" (3mm – 6mm). See Figure 27.
6. Install nearest hole of engage plate onto bell crank post. See Figure 26.
7. Install hairpin and washer on bell crank post.
8. Turn fine adjustment knob clockwise to adjust drive roller gap at wheels to be 1/8" – 1/4" (3mm – 6mm). See Figure 27.
9. Install both the upper and lower guards. See *WHEEL DRIVE ADJUSTMENTS Drive Belt Guard* on page 23.

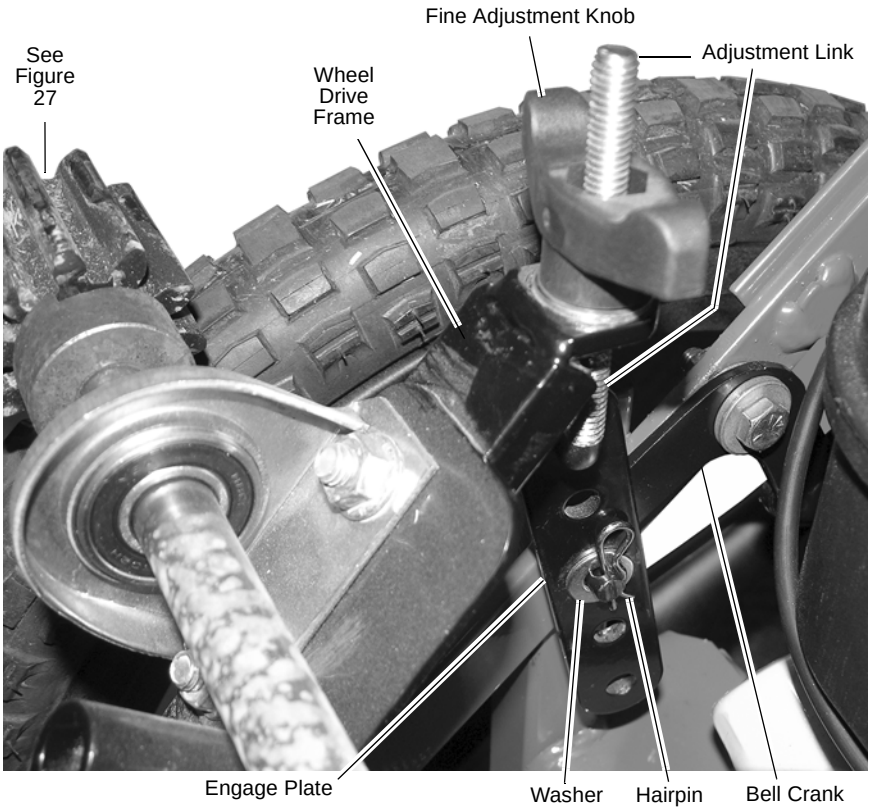

Fine Adjustment Knob
See Figure 27
Adjustment Link
Wheel Drive Frame
Engage Plate
Washer
Hairpin
Bell Crank

Figure 26

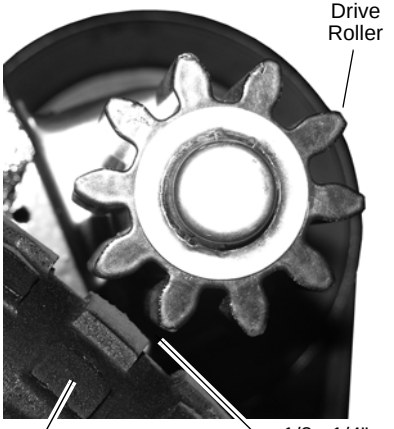


Figure 27

BELT TENSION ADJUSTMENT

Adjust Wheel Drive Lower Belt Tension

The wheel drive lower belt connects the mower blade shaft to a variable speed (VS) pulley on the wheel drive frame.

On each side of the mower, the wheel drive frame pivots from adjustment plates connected to adjustment brackets. A hex bolt mounted through each bracket contacts the plate to set the frame position. See Figure 28.

1. Remove both the upper and lower guards. See *WHEEL DRIVE ADJUSTMENTS Drive Belt Guard* on page 23.

NOTE: The adjustment bracket bolt holes are threaded.

2. Loosen lock nut and bolt attaching each adjustment plate to the adjustment bracket. Do not remove hardware.

IMPORTANT: To avoid bending adjustment bolts, or have them slip off adjustment brackets, it may be necessary to pull back on wheel drive assembly as lower belt tension is adjusted.

NOTE: The adjustment bracket bolt holes are threaded.

3. Loosen flanged nut on each adjustment hex bolt away from adjustment bracket.
4. Turn both adjustment bolts in/out evenly to get 1-1/4" – 1-1/2" (3.175 – 3.810cm) flex in belt. Use the pressure of one finger at the center of the belt span to check for proper flex.

NOTE: Adjust bolt lengths as necessary to tension belt while maintaining even drive roller to wheel gap at both wheels.

5. While holding adjustment bolt stationary with a wrench, tighten flanged nut against adjustment bracket.
6. Tighten flanged lock nut and bolt attaching each adjustment plate to the adjustment bracket.
7. Install both the upper and lower guards. See *WHEEL DRIVE ADJUSTMENTS Drive Belt Guard* on page 23.

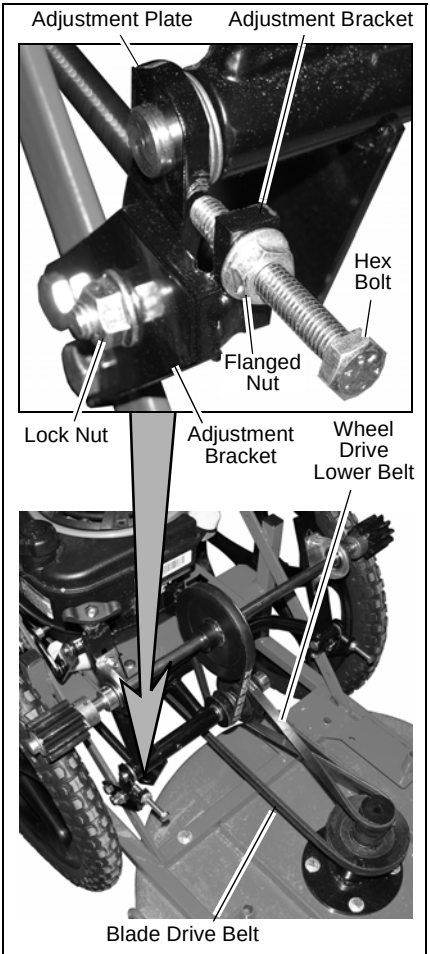


Figure 28

Adjust Wheel Drive Upper Belt Tension

The wheel drive upper belt connects the variable speed (VS) pulley to the drive rollers shaft.

1. Remove both the upper and lower guards. See *WHEEL DRIVE ADJUSTMENTS Drive Belt Guard* on page 23.

NOTE: The bearing holders slide vertically on the wheel drive frame.

2. Loosen two flanged lock nuts and round head square neck bolts securing each bearing holder to wheel drive frame. Do not remove mounting hardware. See Figure 29.

NOTE: Use the pressure of one finger at the center of the belt span to check for proper flex.

3. Pull drive rollers shaft up to tension upper belt to flex 1/4", ±1/8" (6mm, ±3mm).
4. Snug two flanged lock nuts and round head square neck bolts securing each bearing holder to wheel drive frame.
5. Check that drive rollers shaft is level horizontally by measuring the position of both bearing holders on the wheel drive frame. The positions should be equal (±1/8") on both sides.
6. If adjustment is necessary, gently tap on bearing holders to make position adjustments.
7. Tighten the two flanged lock nuts and round head square neck bolts securing each bearing holder to wheel drive frame.
8. Install both the upper and lower guards. See *WHEEL DRIVE ADJUSTMENTS Drive Belt Guard* on page 23.

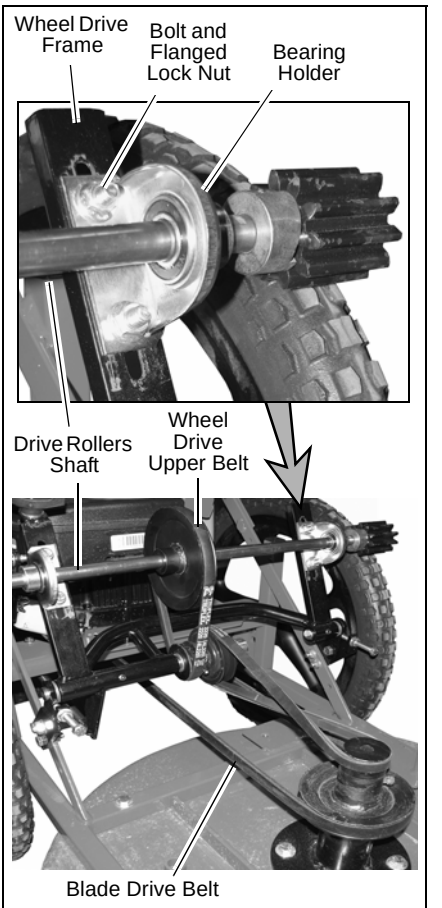


Figure 29

Adjust Mower Blade Drive Belt Tension

1. Remove lower guard. See *WHEEL DRIVE ADJUSTMENTS Drive Belt Guard* on page 23.
2. Loosen the four flanged lock nuts from the round head square neck bolts that secure the engine mounting plate to the mower frame. Do not remove hardware. See Figure 30.

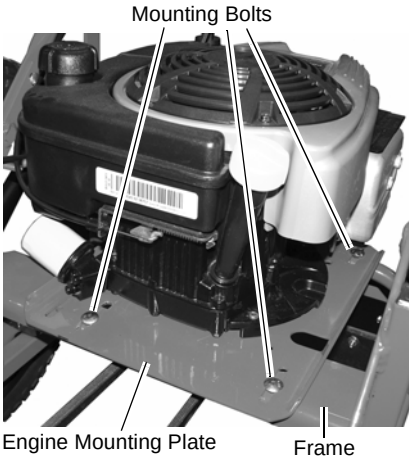


Figure 30

3. Hold the flanged nyloc nut (on the inside of the engine mounting plate) stationary with a wrench while turning the belt tensioning bolt clockwise. As the end of the bolt extends against the mower frame, the engine mount plate is forced back, increasing belt tension. See Figure 31.

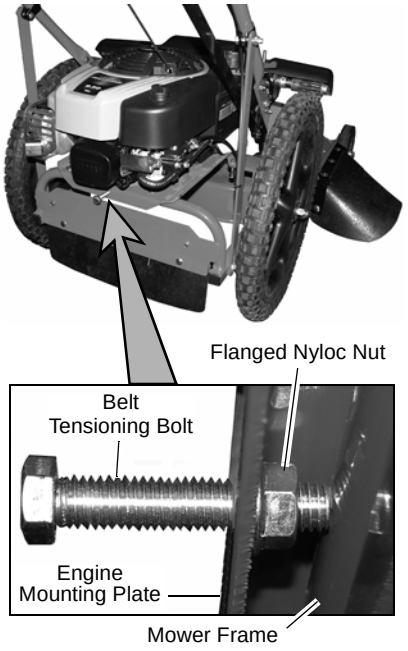


Figure 31

4. Tension belt to get a maximum of 80 lbs of tension. This correlates to approximately 0.250" (6.35mm) flex in belt. Use the pressure of one finger at the center of the belt span to check for proper flex. See Figures 28 and 29.
5. Tighten the four flanged lock nuts on the round head square neck bolts that secure the engine mounting plate to the mower frame.
6. Install lower guard. See *WHEEL DRIVE ADJUSTMENTS Drive Belt Guard* on page 23.

BELT REPLACEMENT

Wheel Drive Lower Belt Replacement

See Figure 32.

The wheel drive lower belt connects the blade shaft top pulley to a variable speed (VS) pulley.

1. Remove both the upper and lower guards. See *WHEEL DRIVE ADJUSTMENTS Drive Belt Guard* on page 23.

NOTE: The adjustment bracket bolt holes are threaded.

2. Loosen the lock nut and bolt attaching each adjustment plate to the adjustment bracket. Do not remove hardware.

IMPORTANT: To avoid bending adjustment bolts, or have them slip off adjustment brackets, it may be necessary to pull back on wheel drive assembly as lower belt tension is adjusted.

NOTE: The adjustment bracket bolt holes are threaded.

3. Loosen the flanged nut on each adjustment hex bolt away from the adjustment bracket.
4. Turn both adjustment bolts out evenly until belt becomes loose enough to slide off blade shaft pulley.

NOTE: If the wheel drive lower belt is installed backwards it will drive the variable speed (VS) pulley in reverse. The drive rollers shaft will then also be driven in reverse. If driven in reverse, the drive roller detents will be heard to click and wheel drive action will not occur.

5. When installing belt, twist belt 90º so left side strand goes to lower side of VS pulley. Also see Figure 29.
6. Turn both adjustment bolts in/out evenly to get 1-1/4" – 1-1/2" (3.175 – 3.810cm) flex in belt. Use the pressure of one finger at the center of the belt span to check for proper flex.

NOTE: Adjust bolt lengths as necessary to tension belt while maintaining even drive roller to wheel gap at both wheels.

7. While holding adjustment bolt stationary with a wrench, tighten flanged nut against adjustment bracket.

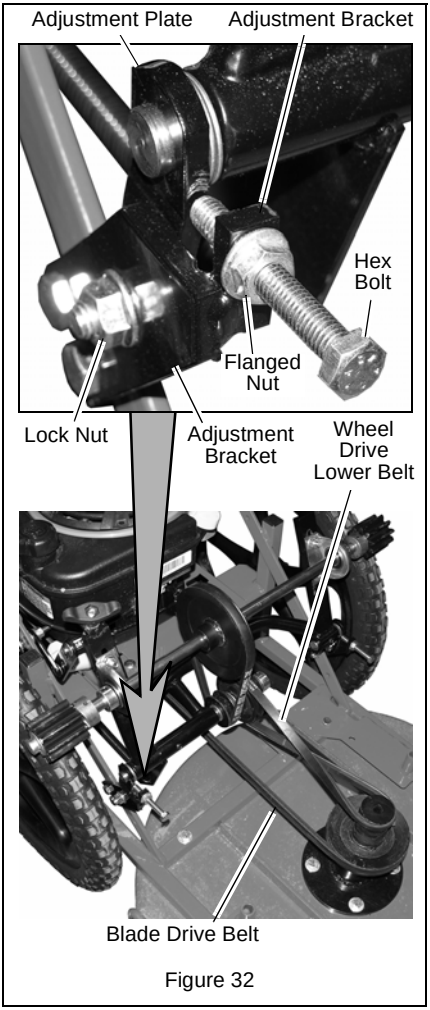


Figure 32

8. Tighten flanged lock nut and bolt attaching each adjustment plate to the adjustment bracket.
9. Install both the upper and lower guards. See *WHEEL DRIVE ADJUSTMENTS Drive Belt Guard* on page 23.

Wheel Drive Upper Belt Replacement

See Figure 33.

The wheel drive upper belt connects the variable speed (VS) pulley to the drive rollers shaft.

1. Remove wheel drive lower belt. See *Wheel Drive Lower Belt Replacement* on page 30.

NOTE: The bearing holders slide vertically on the wheel drive frame.

2. Loosen two flanged lock nuts and round head square neck bolts securing each bearing holder to wheel drive frame. Do not remove mounting hardware.
3. Push drive rollers shaft down to release belt tension.
4. Remove two flanged lock nuts and round head square neck bolts securing left-side bearing holder to wheel drive frame.
5. Remove belt from drive rollers shaft pulley and then the variable speed (VS) pulley.
6. Bring belt over left-side bearing holder and remove.
7. Install new belt.
8. Install two round head square neck bolts and flanged lock nuts to secure left-side bearing holder to wheel drive frame.

NOTE: Use the pressure of one finger at the center of the belt span to check for proper flex.

9. Pull drive rollers shaft up to tension upper belt to flex 1/4", ±1/8" (6mm, ±3mm).
10. Snug two flanged lock nuts and round head square neck bolts securing each bearing holder to wheel drive frame.
11. Check that drive rollers shaft is level horizontally by measuring the position of both bearing holders on the wheel drive frame. The positions should be equal (±1/8") on both sides.
12. If adjustment is necessary, gently tap on bearing holders to make position adjustments.
13. Tighten the two flanged lock nuts and round head square neck bolts securing each bearing holder to wheel drive frame.

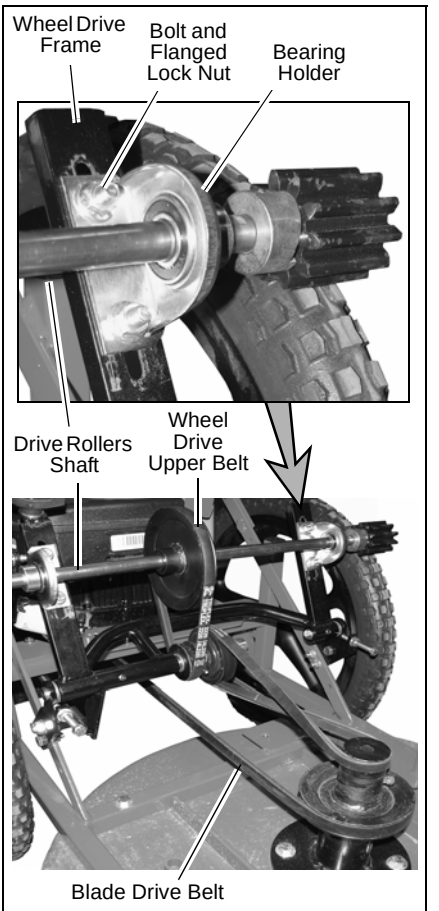


Figure 33

14. Install wheel drive lower belt. See *Wheel Drive Lower Belt Replacement* on page 30.

Mower Blade Drive Belt Replacement

1. Remove wheel drive lower belt. See *Wheel Drive Lower Belt Replacement* on page 30.
2. Loosen the four flanged lock nuts from the round head square neck bolts that secure the engine mounting plate to the mower frame. Do not remove hardware. See Figure 34.

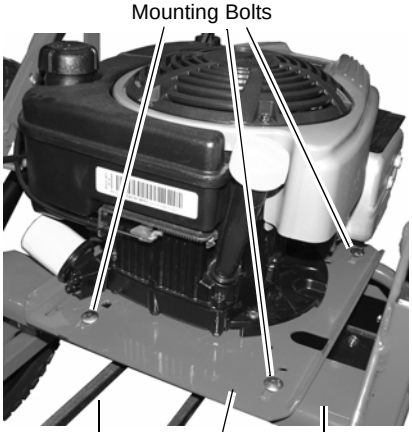


Figure 34

3. Hold the flanged nyloc nut (on the inside of the engine mounting plate) stationary with a wrench while turning the belt tensioning bolt counterclockwise. This will back the bolt away from the mower frame. See Figure 35.
4. Force the motor mount plate forward until belt is slack enough to remove from the mower blade shaft pulley.
5. Install new belt on engine pulley and mower spindle lower pulley. See Figure 33.
6. Hold the flanged nyloc nut (on the inside of the engine mounting plate) stationary with a wrench while turning the belt tensioning bolt clockwise. As the end of the bolt extends against the mower frame, the engine mount plate is forced back, increasing belt tension.
7. Tension belt to get a maximum of 80 lbs of tension. This correlates to approximately 0.250" (6.35mm) flex in belt. Use the pressure of one finger at the center of the belt span to check for proper flex. See Figures 32 and 33.
8. Tighten the four flanged lock nuts on the round head square neck bolts that secure the engine mounting plate to the mower frame.

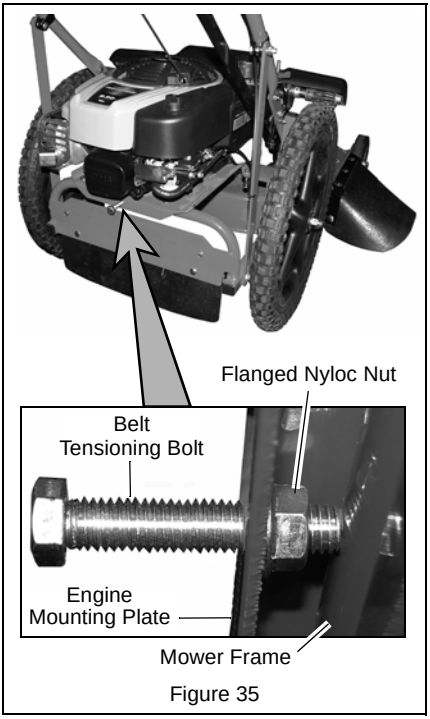


Figure 35

9. Install wheel drive lower belt. See *Wheel Drive Lower Belt Replacement* on page 30.

OPERATOR PRESENCE (ENGINE/BLADE) CONTROL ADJUSTMENT

The engine/blade control has no user serviceable adjustments. If the engine/blade control does not stop the engine or blade within 3 seconds of releasing the control lever, take the unit to an authorized Ariens dealer for repairs.

WHEEL DRIVE CONTROL ADJUSTMENT

The unit should stop immediately when the wheel drive control is released. The unit should not creep forward when the wheel drive control is disengaged with the engine running.

If the unit creeps, increase the gap (clearance) between the drive rollers and tires when wheel drive is disengaged. If the unit does not accelerate smoothly or seems to slip under load, increase the traction and speed. See *Wheel Drive Traction Adjustment* on page 25.

STORAGE

CAUTION: AVOID INJURY. Read and understand the entire *Safety* section before proceeding.

IMPORTANT: NEVER spray unit with high-pressure water or store unit outdoors. Store mower in a cool, dry, protected location.

Cleaning

Allow unit to cool. Clean unit thoroughly with mild soap and low pressure water. Brush off dirt and debris from all surfaces. Touch up all scratched surfaces to prevent rust. Matching touch-up paint is available from your Ariens Dealer. Do not use abrasives, solvents, or harsh cleaners.

Inspection

Inspect mower and repair or replace worn or damaged parts to avoid delays when beginning use again.

Regularly check all hardware and keep fasteners tight. Know unit is in safe working condition.

Engine

When storing unit for extended periods of time, remove all fuel from tank and carburetor (run dry). Refer to Engine Manual.

Fuel System

Gasoline left in the fuel system for extended periods without a stabilizer will deteriorate, resulting in deposits in the system. These deposits can damage the carburetor and the fuel hoses, filter and tank. Prevent deposits from forming in the fuel system during storage by adding a quality fuel stabilizer to the fuel. Follow the recommended mix ratio found on the fuel stabilizer container.

To treat the fuel system for storage:

1. Add fuel stabilizer according to manufacturer's instructions.
2. Run engine for at least 10 minutes after adding stabilizer to allow it to reach the carburetor.

NEVER store the engine with fuel in the fuel tank inside of a building with potential sources of ignition.

TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	CORRECTION
Engine will not start	1. Fuel tank empty or low. 2. Spark plug wire loose or off. 3. Engine/Blade control cable detached, broken, or not adjusted properly.	1. Check fuel level. Fill tank if necessary. 2. Check connection. 3. Check cable. Adjust, repair or replace as necessary.
Engine is difficult to restart	1. Mower clogged with grass.	1. Clear clippings from under mower. (Allow the mower to clear clippings before shutting off engine.)
Cut is poor	1. Worn blade. 2. Too much grass is being removed per cutting. 3. Grass is too wet. 4. Mowing speed is too fast.	1. Check blade (see *SERVICE POSITION* on page 20). 2. Raise cutting height. (see *HEIGHT OF CUT ADJUSTMENT* on page 17) 3. Allow grass to dry. 4. Mow slower. (For self-propelled model, see *Wheel Drive Speed Adjustment* on page 24)
Grass does not disperse evenly	1. Too much grass is being removed per cutting. 2. Grass is too wet. 3. Mowing speed is too fast.	1. Raise cutting height. (see *HEIGHT OF CUT ADJUSTMENT* on page 17) 2. Allow grass to dry. 3. Mow slower. (For self-propelled model, see *Wheel Drive Speed Adjustment* on page 24)

PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	CORRECTION
Wheel drive does not engage	1. Wheel drive control not engaged. 2. Wheel drive belts tension too loose. 3. Wheel drive belt worn or damaged. 4. Wheel drive control linkage detached or broken. 5. Bearings damaged. 6. Drive seems to slip or speed is too slow. Inadequate traction on sloped terrain. 7. Wheel drive rollers run in reverse.	1. Engage wheel drive control. 2. Check wheel drive belts tension. Adjust as necessary (see *BELT TENSION ADJUSTMENT* on page 27). 3. Replace belt. (see *BELT REPLACEMENT* on page 30) 4. Check wheel drive control linkage. Adjust or replace as needed. See *CHECK WHEEL DRIVE CONTROL The unit must stop quickly and completely when the control is released. Adjust or repair if necessary. See WHEEL DRIVE CONTROL ADJUSTMENT on page 32.* on page 19. 5. Contact your Dealer. 6. See *Wheel Drive Speed Adjustment* on page 24. See *Wheel Drive Traction Adjustment* on page 25. 7. Install wheel drive lower belt in correct orientation. See *Wheel Drive Lower Belt Replacement* on page 30.

SERVICE PARTS

Always use genuine Ariens parts to keep your mower running like new.

Description	Part Number
Air Filter	21535600
Pre-Cleaner, Air Filter	04278300
Spark Plug	04278500
Oil Filter	04278400
Blade	04159600
Wheel Drive Upper Belt	07200538
Wheel Drive Lower Belt	07206000
Mower Blade Drive Belt	07200537

ACCESSORIES

See your authorized Ariens Dealer to add these optional accessories.

71106800	Mulching Kit, 24"
71106900	Front Swivel Wheel Kit
71107000	High-Traction Rear Tire Kit

SPECIFICATIONS	
Model Number	**911703**
Description	**PRO 24HWSP**
Length – in. (cm)	60 (152.4)
Height – in. (cm)	39 (99)
Width – in. (cm)	24 (61)
Actual Weight – lbs (kg)	152
Cutting Width – in. (cm)	24 (61)
Cutting Height – in. (cm)	2 – 4 (5.1 – 10.2)
Engine, 4 cycle	Briggs & Stratton Professional Series EPA/CARB Compliant
Engine Model	Ready Start 8.50 Gross Torque
Max Rotation Speed of Cutting Edge – feet per minute	15,400
Governed RPM (May be different from maximum rpm.)	3,200 ± 100
Displacement Cu. In. (cc)	12 (190)
Cylinder Bore	Cast Iron Sleeve
Engine Oil Type	See engine manual.
Crank Case Capacity – Oz. (Liter)	20 (0.59)
Oil System	Full Pressure
Engine Oil Filter	Spin-On
Spark Plug Gap – in. (mm)	See engine manual.
Fuel Type	Unleaded
Fuel Tank Capacity – qt (Liter)	1 (0.95)
Primer Bulb	N/A
Choke	N/A
Throttle	Cable-Actuated
Air Cleaner	Paper Element with Foam Pre-cleaner
Starting	Recoil
Variable Speeds – MPH (km/hr)	0 – 4.7 mph
Mower Deck	11 Gauge - Stamped Steel
Front Wheel Dia – in. (cm)	8 (20.3)
Rear Wheel Dia – in. (cm)	20 (50.8)
Rear Tire Pressure – psi (kPa)	35 (241)

Commercial Mowing Equipment Limited Warranty

Ariens Company (Ariens) warrants to the **original purchaser** that Ariens, Gravely and Countax brand products purchased on or after 1/1/2012 and designated or labeled commercial products by Ariens Company will be free from defects in material and workmanship for the time period noted in the chart below. Equipment put to personal use around a single household or residence is considered "Consumer Use"; equipment put to any business use (agricultural, commercial, or industrial) or used at multiple locations is considered "Commercial Use." If any product is rented or leased, then the duration of these warranties shall be 90 days after the date of purchase.

An authorized Ariens dealer (Ariens brand products), Gravely dealer (Gravely brand products), or Countax dealer (Countax brand products) will repair any defect in material or workmanship, and repair or replace any defective part, subject to the conditions, limitations and exclusions set forth herein. Such repair or replacement will be free of charge (labor and parts) to the original purchaser except as noted below.

Warranty Code	Product Group	Warranty Period Consumer Use	Warranty Period Commercial Use
CA	Pro-Turn 100 & 200, Pro-Master, Compact-Pro, Pro-Stance, Pro-Ride, Pro-Walk Mowers, Pro-Zoom, etc.	3 Years	2 Years
CB	Turf Mowing Equipment: CL, TRM, TVM, FP, PM-3084, etc.	3 Years	2 Years
CC	Pro 20 Series Walk-Behind Mowers	3 Years	1 Year
N/A	Service (replacement) Parts	90 Days (no labor)	90 Days (no labor)
CD	Pro-Turn 400	3 Years	3 Years (Years 1 & 2: Parts & Labor, Year 3: Parts Only)

Special Extensions

The chart below details special extensions to this warranty:

Warranty Code	Warranty Exception	Warranty Period	Use	Detail
CA	Mower Deck Shell on Commercial Mowers	Lifetime	All	2 Years parts and labor (Commercial), 3 Years parts and labor (Consumer), parts-only thereafter.
CA	Main Frame on Commercial Mowers	Lifetime	All	2 Years parts and labor (Commercial), 3 Years parts and labor (Consumer), parts-only thereafter.
CA	Cast Iron Deck Spindles	3 Years	All	3 Years for all users including Commercial.
CB	Reels	Lifetime	All	Warranty on reels only against bending or breaking.

Exceptions and Limitations

The chart below details special exceptions to this warranty:

Warranty Code	Warranty Exception	Warranty Period	Use	Detail
All	Batteries	1 Year	All	Prorated
All	Belts, Muffler, Tires	None	Commercial	These components are not covered when used commercially.
All	Cloth, Plastic, and Rubber Components (Including Belts and Cables)	Maximum 2 Year	All	Warranty is limited to 2 years for consumer use. Except as noted above, these components are covered for defect, not for wear.
All	Engines	See Engine Manufacturer's Warranty	All	Engines are covered by engine manufacturer's warranty. Refer to engine manufacturer's warranty statement.

Customer Responsibilities

Register the product immediately at the time of sale. If the dealer does not register the product, the customer must complete the product registration card in the literature package and return it to the Ariens Company, or register the unit online at www.ariens.com, www.gravely.com, www.countax.com.

To obtain warranty service, the **original purchaser** must:

- Perform the maintenance and adjustments explained in the owner's manual.
- Promptly notify Ariens or an authorized Ariens, Gravely or Countax service representative of the need for warranty service.
- Transport the product to and from the place of warranty service at owner's expense.
- Have the warranty service performed by an authorized Ariens, Gravely or Countax service representative.

To Find an Authorized Service Representative:

In the U.S. and Canada:		
Use the dealer locator on our websites: www.ariens.com • www.gravely.com		
Or contact us by mail or by phone:		
In the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Caribbean, Central and South America:	**In Europe, Asia, Africa or the Middle East:**	**In Australia or New Zealand:**
Ariens Company 655 W. Ryan Street Brillion, WI 54110 Phone: (920) 756 - 4688 www.ariens.com	Countax Ltd, Countax House Great Haseley, Oxfordshire, OX44 7PF Phone: 0800 597 7777 www.countax.com	109-111 Abbot House Hallam, Victoria 3803 Australia Phone: (03) 9796 4244 1800 335 489 www.bynorm.com.au

Exclusions - Items Not Covered by This Warranty

- Parts that are not genuine Ariens, Gravely or Countax service parts are not covered by this warranty and may void the warranty.
- Damages resulting from the installation or use of any part, accessory, or attachment which is not approved by the Ariens Company for use with product(s) identified herein are not covered by this warranty.
- The following maintenance, service and replacement items are not covered by this warranty unless they are noted in the Limitations section above: lubricants, spark plugs, oil, oil filters, air filters, fuel filters, brake linings, brake arms, brake shoes, skid shoes, scraper blades, shear bolts, mower blades, mower vanes, brushes, headlights, light bulbs, knives, cutters.
- Any misuse, alteration, improper assembly, improper adjustment, neglect, or accident which requires repair is not covered by this warranty.
- **Use of gasoline blends exceeding 10% ethanol voids any and all warranties.**
- Products are designed to the specifications in the area that the product was originally distributed. Different areas may have significantly different legal and design requirements. This warranty is limited to the requirements in the area in which the unit was originally distributed. Ariens Company does not warrant this product to the requirements of any other area. Warranty service is limited to service within the area originally distributed.
- In countries other than the United States and Canada, contact the Ariens Company dealer for warranty policies that govern within your country. Rights may vary from country to country and within any one country.

Disclaimer

Ariens Company may from time to time change the design of its products. Nothing contained in this warranty shall be construed as obligating the Ariens Company to incorporate such design changes into previously manufactured products, nor shall such changes be construed as an admission that previous designs were defective.

LIMITATION OF REMEDY AND DAMAGES

Ariens Company's liability under this warranty, and under any implied warranty that may exist, is limited to repair of any defect in workmanship, and repair or replacement of any defective part. Ariens Company shall not be liable for incidental, special, or consequential damages (including lost profits). Some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER LAW

The following applies solely to warranties subject to Subsection 102(1) of the Australian Consumer Law: Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded by the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and for compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and failure does not amount to a major failure.

DISCLAIMER OF FURTHER WARRANTY

Ariens Company makes no warranty, express or implied, other than what is expressly made in this warranty. If the law of your state provides that an implied warranty of merchantability, or an implied warranty of fitness for particular purpose, or any other implied warranty, applies to Ariens Company, then any such implied warranty is limited to the duration of this warranty. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from region to region.

CALIFORNIA AND EPA (UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY) EVAPORATIVE EMISSION CONTROL WARRANTY STATEMENT

YOUR WARRANTY RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

The CARB (California Air Resources Board), the EPA, and Ariens Company are pleased to explain the evaporative emission control system's warranty on your 2012 model year small off-road equipment. In California, new equipment that uses small off-road engines must be designed, built, and equipped to meet the State's stringent anti-smog standards. Ariens Company must warrant the evaporative emission control system on your small off-road equipment for the period listed below provided there has been no abuse, neglect or improper maintenance of your equipment.

Your evaporative emission control system may include parts such as: fuel tanks, fuel lines, fuel caps, valves, canisters, filters, vapor hoses, clamps, connectors, and other associated components.

MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY COVERAGE:

This evaporative emission control system is warranted for two years. If any evaporative emission-related part on your equipment is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by Ariens Company.

OWNER'S WARRANTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- As the small off-road equipment owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in your Owner's Manual. Ariens Company recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your small off-road equipment, but Ariens Company cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts.
- As the small off-road equipment owner, you should however be aware that the Ariens Company may deny you warranty coverage if your evaporative emission control system part has failed due to abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance or unapproved modifications.
- You are responsible for presenting your small off-road equipment to an authorized Ariens, Gravely, or Parker service representative as soon as the problem exists. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days. If you have a question regarding your warranty coverage, you should contact Ariens Company Technical Service Center at 1-920-756-2141.

DEFECTS WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS:

(a.) The warranty period begins on the date the small off-road equipment is delivered to an ultimate purchaser.

(b.) General Evaporative Emissions Warranty Coverage. Ariens Company warrants to the ultimate purchaser and any subsequent owner that the evaporative emission control system when installed was:

  (1.) Designed, built, and equipped so as to conform with all applicable EPA and CARB regulations; and

  (2.) Free from defects in materials and workmanship that causes the failure of a warranted part for a period of two years.

(c.) The warranty on evaporative emissions-related parts will be interpreted as follows:

  (1.) Any warranted part that is not scheduled for replacement as required maintenance in the written instructions must be warranted for the warranty period defined in subsection (b)(2). If any such part fails during the period of warranty coverage, it must be repaired or replaced by the Ariens Company. Any such part repaired or replaced under the warranty must be warranted for a time not less than the remaining warranty period.

  (2.) Any warranted part that is scheduled only for regular inspection in the written instructions must be warranted for the warranty period defined in subsection (b)(2). A statement in such written instructions to the effect of "repair or replace as necessary" will not reduce the period of warranty coverage. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty must be warranted for a time not less than the remaining warranty period.

  (3.) Any warranted part that is scheduled for replacement as required maintenance in the written instructions must be warranted for the period of time prior to the first scheduled replacement point for that part. If the part fails prior to the first scheduled replacement, the part must be repaired or replaced by the Ariens Company. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty must be warranted for a time not less than the remainder of the period prior to the first scheduled replacement point for the part.

(4.) Repair or replacement of any warranted part under the warranty provisions of this article must be performed at no charge to the owner at an authorized Ariens, Gravely, or Parker service representative.
(5.) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4) above, warranty services or repairs must be provided at authorized Ariens, Gravely, or Parker service representatives that are franchised to service the subject small off-road equipment.
(6.) The owner must not be charged for diagnostic labor that leads to the determination that a warranted part is in fact defective, provided that such diagnostic work is performed at an authorized Ariens, Gravely, or Parker service representative.
(7.) Throughout the evaporative emission control system's warranty period set out in subsection (b)(2), the Ariens Company must maintain a supply of warranted parts sufficient to meet the expected demand for such parts.
(8.) Manufacturer-approved replacement parts must be used in the performance of any warranty maintenance or repairs and must be provided without charge to the owner. Such use will not reduce the warranty obligations of the manufacturer issuing the warranty.
(9.) The use of any add-on or modified parts will be grounds for disallowing a warranty claim made in accordance with this article. The manufacturer issuing the warranty will not be liable under this Article to warrant failures of warranted parts caused by the use of an add-on or modified part.

Evaporative Emission Warranty Parts List

The following parts are considered emission-related components for evaporative emissions:

- Fuel Tank, Fuel Cap and Tether
- Fuel Line, Fuel Line Fittings, Clamps*
- Pressure Relief Valves, Control Valves*
- Control Solenoids*, Electronic Controls*
- Vacuum Control Diaphragms*
- Control Cables*, Control Linkages*
- Purge Valves
- Vapor Hoses, Liquid/Vapor Separator
- Carbon Canister, Canister Mounting Brackets
- Carburetor Purge Port Connector

* As related to the evaporative emission control system

Disclaimer

New equipment sold in the state of California that uses small off-road engines must be exclusively certified and appropriately labeled for sale in California. Some equipment covered by this Owner's Manual my not be certified for sale in California and the presence of the preceding CARB and EPA Warranty Statement does not by its existence indicate which, if any, of the equipment covered by this Owner's Manual may be sold in California.

Some equipment covered by this Owner's Manual may have been manufactured prior to certain affectivity dates requiring the inclusion of evaporative emission control systems. Therefore some equipment covered by this Owner's Manual may not include the evaporative emission control systems referred to in the preceding CARB and EPA Warranty Statement.

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⚠ WARNING ⚠

The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

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